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Letter dated 27 August 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement concerning recent arrests in Kosovo, issued on 20 August 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I would be grateful if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Statement concerning recent arrests in Kosovo, issued on 20 August 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The Presidency, on behalf of the European Union, regrets the statements from the meeting of the Kosovo Government, which imputes a political motivation into efforts to uphold the rule of law in Kosovo.

The Presidency of the European Union is fully confident that recent arrests have taken place in accordance with the established judicial process and have been carried out regardless of the ethnic, national or political affiliation of the suspects.

The Presidency of the European Union calls upon all Kosovan politicians to contribute to a society that respects the rule of law and where the judiciary performs its functions without political interference. This is a basic requirement for progress in Kosovo as well as for closer relations with the European Union.

The European Union fully supports the efforts of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). The European Union appreciates the Government's commitment to realizing its programme and reminds its members that authority over law and order rests with UNMIK.